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# Letter from George Herbert Palmer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1906 December 22

George Herbert Palmer

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1906

Prof. Palmer

Miss Anne Whitney  
The Charlesgate  
Beacon St.  
Boston

THE FRANKLIN L. ROSS  
ROSS



11 QUINCY STREET,  
CAMBRIDGE.

Dec. 22, 1906

Dear Miss Whitney:

It is a beautiful gift  
you send. And since it comes  
so near my wedding day,  
I shall count it a gift from  
you & Miss Manning to both  
Alice & me. I well recall  
Alice's pleasure in your  
early volume. That did not  
move me as this has. I have  
read this pretty much from  
cover to cover & have peculiarly  
enjoyed the openings & closing verses.



Joy, 22nd February, & some of the  
Right Sonnets. For the long poem  
I care less. Attaching great  
consequence as I do to distinctness  
of form, I often find myself  
lost in their lovely woven music,  
uncertain where I am. You  
have many magic phrases, brief  
sentences which have a carrying  
power difficult to explain. But  
I feel that I am no cool critic.  
The book is so full of you that  
I cannot separate affection &  
judgment, & know whether I  
am stirred by nobler verse

or by Swift's loquacity. Only I am sure that with Swift  
swimming has done a service to all your friends in  
intending on its publication, & that you have worthily  
honored that memory by making it so beautiful  
within & without.

Truly yours,  
E. M. Andrews